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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bannon, et al. Examiner: Huynh  
Serial No.: 09/141,220 Art Unit: 1644  
Filing Date: August 27, 1998  
Title: METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR DECREASING CLINICAL  
REACTION TO ALLERGY

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003 and further to the Notice of Appeal that is filed herewith, Applicants respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment. The deadline for filing a Response to the Final Office Action is January 3, 2004. The present Amendment and Notice of Appeal are therefore timely filed on December 5, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.